

Ambassadors of Peace Recipients

1. The Rotary Club of Biddeford-Saco Roland Gagne

Roland has been a member of the Biddeford-Saco club for 13 years and is currently the Vice-President. During his time as a Rotarian, Roland has been chair of many international projects including developing drinking wells in Kenya, building a computer lab and supplying it with computers in the same country. He has spearheaded collecting and shipping a full container of medical supplies and equipment to Armenia. Working with Rotarians from other states and countries roofs were repaired on orphanages in Cambodia. Roland has been very proficient in applying for grants and has helped the Biddeford-Saco club in applying for local and state projects. A true Rotarian, and a true value to the Rotary Club, Roland Gagne is a true Ambassador of Peace.

2. The Rotary Club of Hampton Joan Correll

Joan Correll has been a member of the Rotary Club of Hampton since 1999. In 2004 Joan joined a group of Rotarians who traveled to India on an NID trip to help eradicate polio from the world. She has also served District 7780 as Polio Plus Chair. During her year serving as president, the Hampton club obtained an international matching grant to provide a hospital in Popayan, Columbia with much needed neonatal resuscitation equipment. Over the years, she and her husband, Rich, have hosted several Irish youth in their home from the Friends Forever organization. Most recently, Joan traveled to Togo, Africa on a Rotoplast mission where as the pediatric ward coordinator she brought joy to many in the middle of a difficult situation. The Rotary Club of Hampton is very pleased and honored to present Joan Correll with the Ambassador of Peace award.

3. Rotary Club of Seacoast Portsmouth Midge Nelson

The Rotary Club of Seacoast Portsmouth is pleased to honor immediate past president Midge Nelson with recognition for fostering, advancing and supporting the ideals of Understanding and Peace in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Midge is a hardworking and thoughtful philanthropist whose ideas and efforts have positively impacted her local community. Midge facilitated and annual winter jacket drive for Seacoast NH youth who otherwise would not have warm jackets for the winter and started an annual community 5K road race "The Turkey Trot" which now draws over 2000 participants and raises over \$40,000 annually for

local charities. Midge is a role model to her community, her local Rotary club and district 7780 with her dedication to “service above self”.

4. Rotary Club of Wells Terry Hodskins

The Rotary Club of Well is honoring an individual the exemplifies the meaning of World Understanding and peace through her innovative ideas, dreams and follow through. Although there are many in the Wells club that would certainly fit into this award category, the choice of Terry Hodskins is made with confidence and pride. Terry spearheaded and founded the “wrap a smile” project that has now gone world wide from the club in Well. She has quilters from all over the US and Canada and other countries involved in making quilts and delivering them to various clinics where Rotarians and volunteers are performing surgeries for cleft palates. The joy to those receiving the quits is immeasurable.

5. The Rotary Club of Rochester Claire Bisailon

Claire Bisailon has been a member of the Rotary Club of Rochester for nearly 20 years. Claire was the first female President of the club in 1996 and has been the club secretary for about ten years. Claire has consistently attended the annual World Understanding and Peace dinners for ten years demonstrating her dedication to peace around the world. Claire is a Paul Harris Fellow +1 and also a benefactor. Claire participates in just about all of the club’s committees, membership, bylaws, website, interact and clothing drive. She attends nearly every event, project and fundraiser especially the club’s major project “Howie’s Field of Dreams”. Claire is a true ambassador of peace.

6. The Rotary Club of Kennebunk Portside Ted Trainer and Don Curry

Ted Trainer is being honored for all of his lifelong efforts in supporting, promoting, education about/for polio eradication and promoting international understanding in his work and his personal life. While working for the Rotary Foundation in Evanston from 1989-1997, he helped establish the Polio Plus program through creating a new international public-private partnership to eradicate polio. He also promoted world peace and health in his work with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) working in both Japan and Pakistan on international health initiatives. Currently he serves in the district level position of PolioPlus chair and is passionate about advocating for support of polio

eradication in the district in a very diplomatic way. He has been a consistent contributor to the Rotary Foundation and is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

Don Curry is described as Mr. Rotary. He has traveled and continues to travel worldwide and when he does he promotes the vision and mission of Rotary Understanding and Peace. Don has attended at least three Rotary International Conferences on his own always returning to make presentations to our club the inspiring experience of spending time with Rotarians from all around the world. Don has repeatedly presented RI videos to our club describing Rotarian humanitarian projects to promote international understanding. He is a passionate supporter of Rotary wherever he goes and for years has supported the Rotary Foundation as a Sustaining Member and has received multiple Paul Harris Fellows. Don has gone to both Mississippi and Louisiana to work on disaster-rebuilding projects that inspires our club and recently he spoke on his mission/journey to Mississippi. Don is the epitome of what this award stands for.

7. The Rotary Club of Saco Bay Dennis Robillard

When I think of someone representing World Peace and Understanding, I think of someone striving to bring goodwill, peace, and understanding to people in the world. I believe that Dennis Robillard represents that person. Dennis became a member of Saco Bay Rotary in November of 1990 and has since sponsored several Rotarians into the club. Sharing the Rotary experience with others is Dennis' way of sharing goodwill, peace, and understanding. Dennis always puts others first. Dennis demonstrates the 4-Way test in his life every day! When asked about Dennis, a fellow Rotarian said, "Dennis is the most kind, compassionate, nurturing, and understanding man I know." Dennis will do whatever it takes to help someone succeed. In 2005, Dennis traveled to Ecuador with other Rotarians in search for projects that would assist others in need. Helping others in need is Dennis' way of bringing a little peace into needy lives. Dennis exemplifies leadership. He has been the President of Saco Bay Rotary Club and has been involved in many community events. He has coached children in Little League teaching them about goodwill, understanding, and the morals of the 4-Way test. Dennis sat on the board of Caring Unlimited which deals with domestic violence in families. This was Dennis' way of bringing a little peace into a troubled family. Dennis was a strong force behind the Flag Raising ceremonies in Memorial Park in Old Orchard Beach this summer. Every day from May to September flags were raised in honor of Veterans. This is Dennis' way of bringing a little peace into the lives of those who have lost loved ones. Dennis brought Crutches for Africa into the forefront of the Saco Bay Rotary Club and continues to work diligently in the district to gather crutches, wheelchairs, and mobility devices. This is Dennis' way of bringing a little peace into lives that deserve the basic human right of mobility. This is just a list of a few groups in which Dennis has been involved. He accepts everyone as they are and believes in giving everyone a fair chance. If he sees a need either locally or overseas, he

tries to find a way to help. Dennis sets a great example for us all in demonstrating goodwill, peace, and understanding!

8. The Rotary Club of Fryeburg Area Mary Rennie and Richard Cote

The Rotary Club of Fryeburg Area is very pleased present Mary Rennie and Richard Cote as outstanding ambassadors of peace. Mary is the immediate past president of the club and during her year joined district 7780 on an NID to Nigeria. Mary remembers receiving the polio vaccine as a little girl and hearing stories about her Uncle John who had contracted polio. Mary believes parents in Nigeria fear the crippling disease just as her grandparents in our country did many years ago. For Mary, there was no better way to spend Thanksgiving 2010 than by spreading hope to the 10,480 children, five years old and under, that she and her team immunized during this trip. Mary personally immunized a little over 1800 children. Mary's team painted two classrooms and presented numerous bicycle wheelchairs to polio survivors who for the first time could have mobility and a bright future. Mary encouraged her club to participate in the purchase of these special wheelchairs manufactured by Nigerian Ayuba Gufwan, a polio survivor and fellow Rotarian. Mary donated a welder from her son's company to increase Ayuba's productivity. Mary's motto is "I am truly grateful for the opportunity to make a difference one person at a time". Mary is a true ambassador of peace.

The second recipient from the Rotary Club of Fryeburg is Richard Cote. Richard was a state trooper for many years and since retiring has run the community recreation program and was responsible for starting, working on, and completing our "Fryeburg Field of Dreams" where the Rotary Community put a large roofed shelter on the property. Richard represents the values that make an impact on the local community in many different ways.

9. The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills Paul Thornfeldt

Paul Thornfeldt is described as one who exemplifies the World Understanding and Peace theme. Paul has hosted many GSE teams as well as being "Dad" to an exchange student. He also has helped the club with the exchange students weekend for several years. Paul is always willing to open his home and himself to share his knowledge and experiences provided by these people. He has made it possible for the members and families of our club to experience a new understand of people from around the world. The interaction Paul has fostered has created many longtime friendships and the opportunity for peaceful interaction and a knowledge of how the goals of world understanding and peace can be accomplished on a small but important scale. Without Paul's dedication

and help, the Oxford Hills club and area would be missing out on two of Rotary's best projects, GSE and Exchange Students.

10. The Rotary Club of Boothbay Region Seth Hedgcock

The Boothbay Region workforce is augmented by international workers each summer, who come here to work in our restaurants and the lodging industry. Seth Hedgcock realized that these workers had no means of transportation, yet needed to go to the supermarket, the post office, and in many cases, to commute to multiple jobs. In 2006, at Seth's urging, the Rotary Club put an ad in the paper asking for donations of used bicycles. Seth re-serviced the bikes and blew up the tires, and then distributed them to summer workers—with the proviso that the bikes would be returned at summer's end in order to be refurbished for the next year. Each summer since then, the project has grown. This past year the club had over 100 bikes on the road, all with a "Rotary License Plate" including Seth's home phone in case the rider had a breakdown or otherwise needed help. The Rotary Bike Program has become part of the fabric of the Boothbay Region, supported by major employers and recognizing a previously invisible segment of our community. Every year Seth mobilizes club members and his neighbors to refurbish bikes. This has brought new members to our club; people who started out helping Seth repair bikes, and who were drawn into Rotary itself. Seth has become known as the "bike man" both around town and especially to several hundred summer workers whose lives he has directly changed.

11. The Rotary Club of Sanford-Springvale Richard Bergeron

Richard "Dick" Bergeron is being recognized for his commitment to peace between people and nations. Dick is the owner of Bergeron's Shoes, a Sanford institution, and has been in the shoe business since 1971. He joined Rotary in 1983 and has served on the Board and is a Past President. He is a much-beloved figure in our club. In 2008, during his presidential year, he went on a two-week trip to India with Elias Thomas, two other members of our club, and a team of other Rotarians from all over the world. He helped with a hands-on renovation project in a very poor Muslim village and participated in an NID. Celebrating his Franco-American heritage, he also led several stirring renditions of Alouette, which left more than just a few of his Indian hosts scratching their heads. Dick is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a supporter of Polio Plus. During his stint in the Army he served as a chaplain's assistant, an experience that contributed to his often-expressed feelings that people ought to be more ecumenical in celebrating their religious beliefs that we are all really so much alike, and that conflict

between and among peoples makes no sense. He is a person who sincerely and devoutly believes in the idea of peace, and the members of the Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club know that Dick is most deserving of this honor.

12. The Rotary Club of Brunswick Coastal John Woollacott

John Woollacott has been a Rotarian for 32 continuous years of service. John has been involved with two South Africa HIV/AIDS hospices for St. Mary's Hospital in Marianhill and Graytown, Jabulani orphanage, and assisted with as a field case worker for supplies and training. He also assisted with a playground for hospitalized children. In addition, wells were also dug to provide clean water. John has hosted Chechen parliamentarians and assisted the Grozy Rotary Club in the Chechen Republic. John has worked with food relief for the Somalian refugees in Kenya, a critical need for the people in need. In addition to the above, John has worked on multiple homeless projects and homeless students educational needs. He has been involved in student exchanges, GSE, and Friends Forever. The Rotary Club of Brunswick Coastal is very pleased to honor John Woollacott as an ambassador of Peace.

13. The Rotary Club of Bethel Mike Stevens

Mike Stevens is one of those people who do so many things so automatically, without fanfare, you might not notice until you step back. Mike is involved in almost every fund raising project the club has. The skate board park needed more funding so Mike created a fundraiser and cooked hamburgers all day to take care of the need. A local restaurant had an idea for a scholarship fund raiser and Mike took on the project and coordinated all aspects of it and worked at the fund raiser. When our beer and wine tasting fund raiser was threatened with cancellation because the previous coordinator was no longer a Rotarian, he took on that project to make sure it was a success. He is very active in the club yard sale and auction, both in picking up items and working during the sale. Mike can also be found flipping pancakes twice a year at our pancake breakfast. Mike is a great advocate for the youth and elderly alike. He volunteers at the senior luncheon, serving meals to the elderly population of Bethel. For many years he has been "Santa" coming up Main St. to kick off the Christmas season with the lighting of the Rotary Christmas Tree. Mike is our RYLA coordinator, encouraging and accepting applications and is an advocate to the Rotary board, encouraging extra funding when needed so more applicants can attend. Mike also encourages all of his family to participate in Rotary activities and projects. Mike's

biggest achievement (which totally goes unnoticed by most) is setting up the club as a 501C3 and acting as legal advisor when necessary. Most of all, Mike demonstrates his strong commitment to his beliefs despite being in the minority as he roots for his Yankees and Giants in Red Sox/ Patriots country.

14. The Rotary Club of Brunswick Susan Chadima

Susan Chadima has been a Rotarian for many years and is the immediate past president of the club. Susan exemplifies "Service above Self". Susan has done many different projects around the world. She has been going to Honduras and El Salvador every year since the 1990's doing construction projects and incorporating her skills as a veterinarian with Veterinary Expertise. In 2006, while attending a meeting in Minneapolis, became interested in a project in Afghanistan which provides services to the Afghanistan Veterinary College which had been shut down during the Taliban Reign. Susan met with the project direct, Dr. David Sherman and Susan discussed the opportunity of going to Afghanistan and help teach clinical skills in their Teaching Hospital. She has made 8 trips to Afghanistan to do 3 weeks of teaching. In addition to teaching on these trips, Susan also helped supervise the construction of the AVA Kabul Veterinary Teaching Clinic. In 2008-09, Susan spent 8 ½ months over three separate trips working with the AVA. Susan has made a major presence in Afghanistan by being in a profession that is usually only done by males and she has been allowed to meet the women and children of the villages. Females are never allowed in the front room of the homes and would never meet a female member of a family under any circumstances but Susan has had the opportunity to see behind the curtain and give the women and children a view of a successful American woman and a role model to many. It is an honor for the Rotary Club of Brunswick to name Susan Chadima an ambassador of peace for her profound commitment to the people of Afghanistan and other areas of the world.

15. The Rotary Club of York Dr. Stephen Jendzejec

Dr. Steve Jendzejec has spread Understanding and Peace throughout the world by the many projects he has initiated which help those in need. One such project, in conjunction with Accra East Club of Ghana, resulted in two \$25,000 matching

grants. Eight water wells were drilled in remote villages bringing clean drinking water to over 14,000 people. Just imagine an African mother with a sick baby being able to quench her child's thirst with clean water. Another catastrophic event even called for help and Steve was one of the first in our club to take action. He contacted Life and Hope in Haiti and learned that generators were needed. This led to the Rotary Club of York donating a \$9000 generator to help power a school. Students from this school plan to come to our club to explain how much this generator meant to them and how it helped change their lives. Steve has also been involved in hosting the club's first international exchange student and then two additional students. He has also hosted 3 GSE team members and initiated the club's relationship with Friends Forever. Steve Jendzejec has helped so many people internationally who will never even know his name. He does it because he cares and believes in the principles of Rotary. Thank you Steve for all of your great work, you make us all proud to be Rotarians.

16. The Rotary Club of Portland Drs. Elizabeth and Roger Fagan and George Crockett

Liz and Roger Fagan are a special Rotarian couple. Under their direction, the Paul Harris Fellows and the Rotary Club of Portland began a program named Hearts for Hearing in the Dominican Republic in 2002 to meet the needs of the high number of hard of hearing in that country. Dr. Roger Fagan is an audiologist and Dr. Liz Fagan is a speech-language pathologist. Drs. Fagan have written and received 5 Rotary International Major Matching grants and have provided better hearing and speech for more than 1200 patients in 14 mission trips to the Dominican Republic. Hearts for Hearing is an annual, sustainable project caring for Dominican and Haitian children and adults in schools for the deaf in Santiago, Santo Domingo, and Puerto Plata and in a hospital in La Roman. In addition to providing diagnostic assessment, hearing aids and speech therapy materials, Hearts for Hearing dispenses solar chargers to charge the hearing aid batteries to insure the continuous use of the hearing aids without the need to buy batteries or access electricity. Each patient receives enough supplies for 4 years of battery support. Understanding our world often starts with hearing our fellow man.

On the NBC Today show they say, "Where in the world is Matt Lauer?" At the Rotary Club of Portland they say "Where in the world is George!" George Crockett has been on 10 international service missions for Rotary and 2 for Earthwatch. These trips have taken him to Honduras, Bolivia, Ethiopia, Uganda, Mali, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, and Namibia. He has shared his adventures with Rotarians from over 15 states. He has served on 6 polio inoculation

missions, 2 bio-sand water filter field trips and most recently returned from the Portland Rotary Club's Hands project which provided and fitted many donated hand replacement prosthetic devices for injured and amputated Dominican Republic citizens. On this trip he also distributed many solar powered lanterns to village homes that no electricity. When asked why, he will tell you each trip adds to his own understanding of the world and the world's understanding of us. But even more important is the compensation....the reward of seeing smiles on the recipients' faces.

17. The Rotary Club of Bath Mike Baribeau

Mike Baribeau has contributed in many ways to Understanding and peace. Mike is a two time club president most recently last year when he increased club support for both the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus. This year Mike became a Rotary Foundation Benefactor through a provision in his estate and he is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Mike is the supervisor/leader of the Bath Vocational House Building Project which builds a house yearly. Mike cares about people, including the disadvantaged. He recently returned from participating as a Volunteer at the Winter Special Olympics, a cause he has actively supported through hard work for many years and continues to service on the Board of the Maine Special Olympics. Mike is a true advocate to spread understanding and peace.

18. The Rotary Club of Casco Bay Sunrise Dianne Procida

Being a Rotarian is just one of the many avenues of service Dianne has chosen. Dianne is very active with the Female Samaritan Association. She is also active with her church's commitment to the Wayside Soup Kitchen, and serves meals to families on a regular basis. In her spare time, she is on the board of Port Resources, a provider of resources for folks with developmental disabilities, and chairs the charity committee for the Italian Heritage Center. What makes Dianne so special is that she quietly serves in these roles without fanfare. We are honored to count her among our club's ranks. Her commitment to service above self makes her a true example of Rotary.

19. The Rotary Club of Westbrook-Gorham Paul Emery

Paul is a past president of the Rotary Club of Westbrook-Gorham. Paul has been instrumental in organizing the Maine Chapter of the Gift of Life program. When Paul presented the project to his club several months back, they all saw this as a great opportunity to be able to participate in something much greater than them. They could touch the lives of children around the world. Deeper down, they knew it was not just touching lives, but actually saving lives of children from around the globe. Paul, while involving other Rotarians, has given dozens of hours of his time to bring this cause to his club and others. From his visits with the staff of the Maine Pediatric Cardiac Foundation at Maine Medical Center, to his trips to Boston in organizing this Maine entity, it is so very appropriate at this time that we recognize him for his great efforts. The Rotarians of our state may revel in the knowledge of the help they will be providing to those so much in need. Paul, thank you for your thoughts, kindness, efforts, and diligence in bringing the Maine Chapter of the Gift of Life to our club and to the other clubs in the State of Maine.

20. The Rotary Club of Kittery Pam Gray

Whenever there is a need to be filled, Kittery's Pam Gray is right there to step in. When we needed someone to coordinate our every other month blood drive a couple of year's ago Pam jumped right in and has been doing it since. Usually she is the first one there and the last one to leave-and even manages to donate a pint in the process. When a friend of hers needed help with medical bills brought on by a serious illness, Pam joined with a group of people to organize a blockbuster fundraiser, inviting club members and community leaders to help meet a great need. They sold over 400 tickets to the event garnered dozens of silent auction items, and ended up raising thousands of dollars to help pay some burdensome bills. Through her network of friends and colleagues in the real estate industry, Pam motivates our club, our leaders, and the larger community to take on projects and meet needs people face every day. Pam Gray truly embodies "service above self" and moves us all toward a world of peace and understanding.

21. The Rotary Club of Exeter Marilyn Kellogg

Marilyn's commitment and focus to world peace and diversity has been exemplary through out her career and membership with the Exeter Rotary club. Marilyn is the Founder-Director of the With Open Minds non-profit organization and diversity camps. This program is a multicultural leadership project for young students from Sudan, Somalia, Nigeria, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Congo Republic, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Albania, Bosnia, Canada, Japan, Ecuador, Cherokee Nation, Korea, Puerto Rico, and other countries all over the world. Her world peace programs inspire youths from all different cultures to become future leaders in their multicultural world by teaching ways to not only honor, but embrace each other's diversity. The organization's mission also is to foster in all a spirit of understanding, peace and harmony that works towards reducing prejudice and mistrust to prevent acts of hate and violence. Through music, creative arts, lessons about customs, games and sports students are able to discover possibilities of how their world can be inspired to work towards creating a caring, respectful society that creates unity and promotes diversity. Marilyn, through her actions and commitment, demonstrates what it is to be a true peacemaker. By awarding the peacemaker award to Marilyn is a way that we as Albert Schweitzer has so appropriately stated "We will never permit the voice of humanity within us to be silenced".

22. The Rotary Club of Yarmouth Carolyn Johnson

Carolyn Johnson is well known to many of you already. She is currently the District Governor Nominee and New Generations coordinator. Carolyn has been an invaluable asset to the Rotary Club of Yarmouth, that means to RI as well, because it's all of the small clubs and the individuals in them that create the strength that is Rotary. Carolyn is most noted for her amazing efforts for the people of Guatemala. She started with a matching grant application in her home club and raised well over \$100,000 towards her literacy work in building libraries and teaching teachers how to teach reading. Beyond that, she has displayed a remarkable willingness to step up to the plate every time there is a small need with the club and for that Rotary is very grateful.

23. The Rotary Club of Bridgton-Lake Region Mody Botros

Mody Botros is past president of the Rotary Club of Bridgton-Lake Region and is being honored for fostering, advancing or supporting the ideals of Understanding and Peace both locally and internationally. Mody is from Egypt and immigrated to the United States as a young man and worked extremely hard to make a living and home in this country. As a single father and business owner he still manages to give of his time to give back and raise awareness of other cultures, which promotes understanding and peace. At present Mody volunteers his time at the

middle school and high school by spending a day with the students for four periods of Social Studies or History. He talks about Egypt; the culture, religions and history. He also gets requests to come and speak at school districts in Scarborough and Portland. In the past Mody has also coordinated "The Community Cultural Celebration" whose mission is to promote understanding of worldwide cultures on a personal level. It is a day full of fun, music dancing and food from around the world.

24. The Rotary Club of Dover Phil Rinaldi

Phil Rinaldi has been active with the Rotary Club of Dover since 1984, with perfect attendance for the full 28 years. He served as club president in 1991 and as club secretary for 15 years and served 3 times as district secretary. Phil was also one of the first to co-chair the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conference for the district and served as on RYLA chairperson for over 7 years. He volunteered for Rotoplast to Cumana, Venezuela in 2002 and was Rotary Team Leader for the Group Study Exchange to the Caribbean in 2006. Phil worked for 8 years every Thursday night helping to coordinate bingo and now continues to help with his monthly rotation and filling in when needed. He also volunteers his time in the community organizations such as Dover Business and Industry Development Authority, Dover Crime Line, Cocheco Valley Humane Society, the American Legion, the Vietnam Veterans Association, the VFW and many committees for the Dover Chamber of Commerce. The Rotary Club of Dover has honored Phil with the Paul Harris Award twice for his service to the club and the community.

25. The Rotary Club of Kennebunk Rotary Club Norm Labbe

Lisa Lasseby says when she first visited the Kennebunk Rotary Club as a guest speaker, she was immediately approached by a very enthusiastic (and very tall) club member, Norm Labbe. She had just given a speech about Partners In Development, a non-profit serving the extremely poor in Haiti and Guatemala. Norm immediately wanted to know what was being done to remedy the drinking water situation. Partners in Development sponsored kids, built houses, provided microcredit loans and had free health clinics, but alas, no program for clean water. Turns out, Norm is Superintendent of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Wells Water District. He took it upon himself to get involved and since that meeting he has been traveling to Guatemala numerous times each year to bring clean drinking water to poverty stricken Mayan villages. He developed a slow sand filter that turns highly contaminated water into crystal clear drinking water

and then installed in numerous locations throughout the village. When Partners in Development first arrived in Guatemala, 75 to 95% of the people they serve were infected with parasites and water borne illnesses. For the families who have received water filters, thanks to Norm, that statistic has dropped to 30%. He also secured funding from Poland Springs for PID's new medical clinic. Not only does Norm pay for his own trips with Partners In Development and uses his own vacation time, he also has gone above and beyond his original mission. Although water was his passion, Norm continued to look for ways to help. Many parasites are contracted through contaminated soil in the villages. A simple solution, shoes. After working with the Kennebunk Rotary club to buy 1000 pairs of shoes from Marden's, Marden's then donated another 18,000 pairs. Norm secured a warehouse to store them and organized armies of Rotarians to pack them. Countless Saturdays were spent packing the shoes for their worldly journeys. Once PID had the shoes it needed, Norm then reached out and offered the remaining shoes to nonprofits around the globe. It is an honor to present president-elect Norm Labbe as an ambassador of peace.

26. The Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle Judy and Gary Speers

Judy Speers, a club member since March 2007, and Gary Speers a member since 2002, are true activists in world understanding and peace. Judy, a native of Tiskilwa, Illinois, taught in both Peoria and Bloomington, Illinois in Family and Consumer Sciences. She mentored many young people as a cheerleading coach, taking four teams to Germany on exchanges and at the Bloomington Area Vocational Center in Culinary Arts. She was a teacher for 34 years at the high school level.

Gary spent 34 years in Law Enforcement, much of it working with young people, including time as police-school liaison and as Police Service Division Commander.

Judy and Gary have long been supportive of and involved with international youth peace and friendship exchanges with other countries, including England, Germany, and Russia. They have served as foster parents for teens from Germany and Russia.

Locally, their major impact on world peace through youth activities has been with Friends Forever and Gary is a member of the Board of Directors. The Damariscotta-Newcastle club sponsors a group of youngsters every fall from Northern Ireland, Protestant and Catholic youth who live in the same area but have not known each other before coming to Maine. They learn trust and

friendship and have some fun---building peace bridges both literally and figuratively. Judy and Gary work tirelessly to demonstrate their strong belief that the world's young people hold the keys to future peaceful coexistence.